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2. Communist China

Signs are growing that a behind-the-scenes power struggle among Chinese leaders is under way.

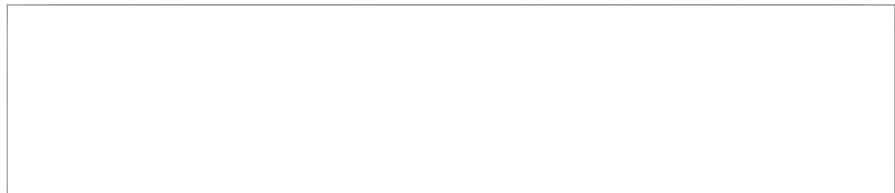
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3. Rhodesia

Another crisis is brewing over Zambia's policy toward the jointly owned Rhodesian-Zambian railway system. Kaunda is refusing to meet financial demands levied by Rhodesia, and the latter could take counteraction that might cost Zambia the use of Rhodesian rail lines long before alternative routes to sustain the Zambian economy are available.

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4. Arab States

The standard hostile Arab comment is already flowing in on this morning's announcement that the US will sell subsonic jet attack aircraft to Israel. In addition, however, a number of conservative, pro-US Arab leaders feel undercut at a time when they are girding for a new round of infighting with Nasir.

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5. Yemen

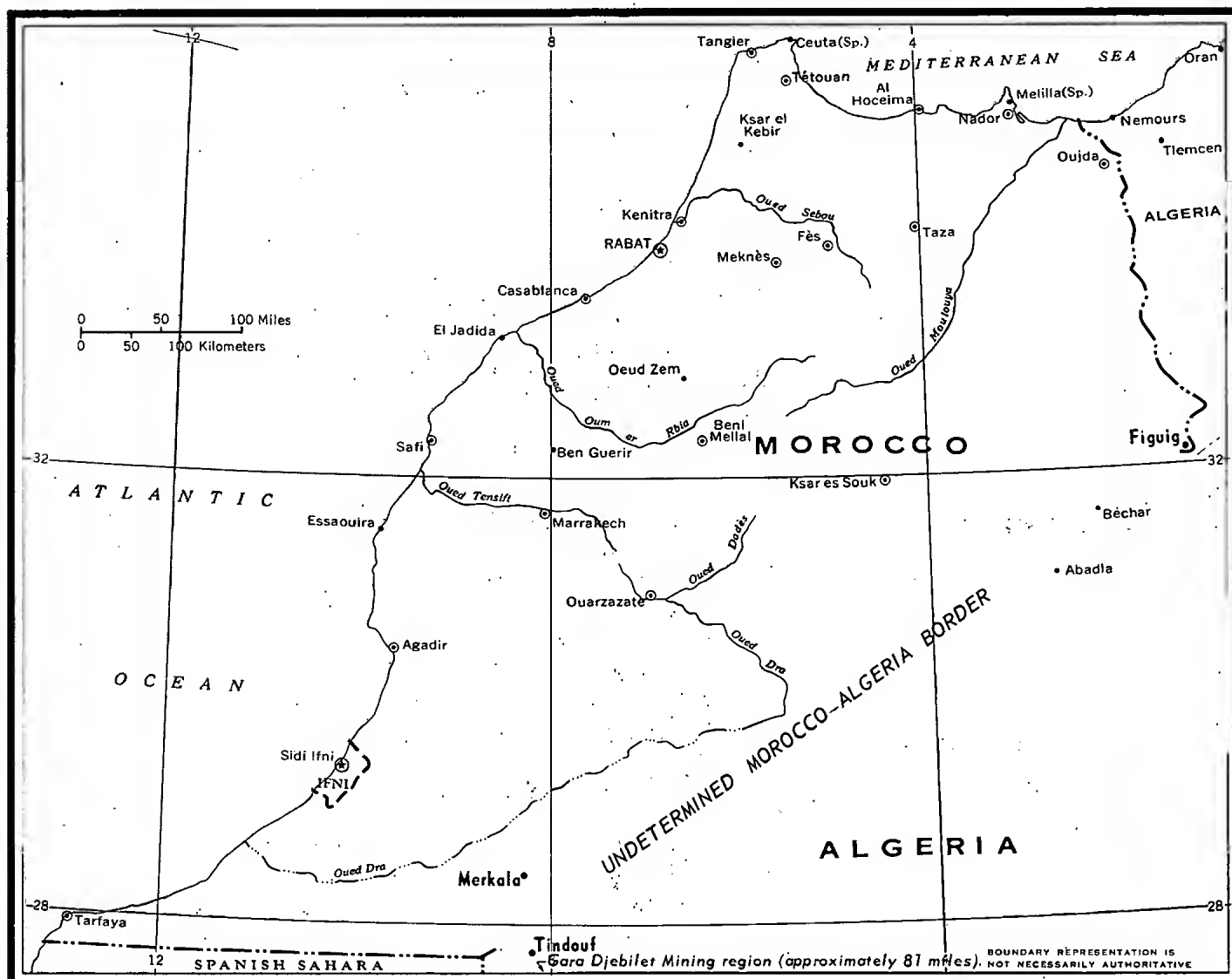
Efforts, this time sponsored by the Kuwaitis, to get the Egyptians and the Saudis talking again about the Yemen problem have foundered.

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The Saudis, jittery over Nasir's recent threats to attack them if they continue to support the Yemeni royalists, are airlifting troops to the border area. These troops, however, are too few and ineffective to deter the Egyptians if they really want to attack. With the principal backers of the two Yemeni factions in this mood, plans to reconvene the so far abortive Harad peace conference next week may evaporate.

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THE DISPUTED SOUTHERN MOROCCO-ALGERIA BORDER



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6. Morocco

Tensions are rising along the disputed border with Algeria. [redacted] the Algerians have reinforced their troops in the area between Figuig and Tindouf (see map), supposedly "demilitarized" after serious border fighting in 1963. A clash may already have occurred around a town Moroccan messages claim has been occupied by an Algerian infantry battalion "and two camel platoons."

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Hot-tempered local commanders may cause further incidents, but both Algiers and Rabat will try to keep the lid on. However, King Hassan, who is convinced that the Algerian military machine will ultimately be used against him, may get alarmed enough to press again for increased US military assistance. The Algerians have received considerable quantities of Soviet arms since 1963.

7. Pakistan

[redacted] the Pakistanis, convinced that nothing will come of "the spirit of Tashkent," intend to increase incidents along the border in Kashmir. The idea is to create such a crisis atmosphere that the UN would then do something about Indian intransigence on Kashmir, but to stop short of provoking India into starting general hostilities.

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Relations between the two countries have been steadily deteriorating in recent days, however, and the Pakistani plan could easily get out of control.

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8. Bolivia

Prospects for the 3 July elections coming off as scheduled appear somewhat better. The ruling junta has rejected a petition for postponement, while two and perhaps three parties have finally decided to oppose Barrientos' front in the congressional elections. Barrientos is still the only presidential candidate.

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